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SUBJECT: UNCTAD: INTENSIVE COMMODITY CONSULTATIONS-  
PHOSPHATES

REF: GENEVA 4870; STATE 172031(NOTAL)

1. WASHINGTON AGENCIES SHARE MISSION CONCERN THAT CON-  
SULTATIONS ON PHOSPHATES BEING INCLUDED BY UNCTAD  
SECRETARIAT WITHOUT FORMAL DECISION. WE ARE ALSO  
CONCERNED ABOUT PRESSURE EXERTED IN MIDST OF TDB BY  
SECRETARIAT TO OBTAIN OUR AGREEMENT TO CONSULTATIONS. IT  
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WAS DUE TO SUCH LACK OF PRIOR CONSULTATION THAT THE U.S.

DECLINED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE LAST CONSULTATIONS ON  
PHOSPHATES.

2. HOWEVER, HAVING IN LIGHT OF THE IMPASSE IN THE TDB  
EXPRESSED OUR WILLINGNESS NOT TO OBJECT TO CONSULTATIONS  
AND SINCE WE CANNOT BE CERTAIN THIS WAS NOT A FACTOR IN  
THE FINAL RESULT, WE FIND IT DIFFICULT TO STAND IN THE  
WAY OF PHOSPHATE CONSULTATIONS IF THE AFRICANS WANT  
THEM.

3. WE WOULD NOT WISH UNCTAD SECRETARIAT TO ISSUE AIDE  
MEMOIRE OR OTHER DOCUMENT INDICATING U.S. OPPOSED  
PHOSPHATE CONSULTATIONS. WE WOULD LIKE MISSION USE THIS  
MATTER TO IMPRESS ON SECRETARIAT 1) IMPORTANCE TO U.S.

AND SECRETARIAT OF PRIOR CONSULTATIONS, AND 2) STRONG  
RELUCTANCE OF U.S. TO ADDITION ANY MORE COMMODITIES.

4. ACCORDINGLY WE SUGGEST MISSION TAKE ACTION ALONG  
FOLLOWING LINES AS APPROPRIATE. A) MISSION SHOULD INQUIRE  
OF SECRETARIAT WHAT ARE THE CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING  
THE REQUEST FOR INCLUSION OF PHOSPHATES AND THE ECONOMIC  
JUSTIFICATION FOR CONSULTATIONS; ALSO WHAT IS EXPECTED  
TO BE ACCOMPLISHED. B) FOLLOWING SATISFACTORY  
RESPONSES, THE MISSION MAY STRESS TO SECRETARIAT U.S.  
UNHAPPINESS ABOUT THE MANNER IN WHICH REQUEST FOR OUR  
AGREEMENT TO PHOSPHATE CONSULTATIONS WAS SPRUNG IN  
MIDDLE OF TDB WITHOUT PRIOR CONSULTATION AND MAY  
REITERATE U.S. OPPOSITION TO EXPANSION OF LIST OF  
COMMODITIES FOR CONSULTATIONS. C) MISSION MAY THEN SAY  
IT WILL HAVE TO OBTAIN WASHINGTON APPROVAL FOR INCLUSION  
OF PHOSPHATES AND THAT IT MUST CONFIRM GROUP B AGREEMENT.  
ANY DOCUMENTS RELATING TO THE MATTER SHOULD NOT BE  
ISSUED UNTIL THE NECESSARY AGREEMENTS ARE OBTAINED.

5. WOULD APPRECIATE EARLY REPORT ON MEETING WITH  
SECRETARIAT. IF AS EXPECTED SUBSEQUENT WASHINGTON GREEN  
LIGHT IS GIVEN, MISSION SHOULD ALSO REITERATE THAT LACK  
OF U.S. OBJECTION DOES NOT COMMIT U.S. PARTICIPATION.  
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